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**Session to be held on violence against aboriginal women
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FREDERICTON (CNB) - A daylong session focusing on violence against aboriginal women will be held with representatives from New Brunswick's First Nations and aboriginal organizations in Fredericton, Feb. 22, 2006.

The dialogue session is being jointly hosted by the Women's Issues Branch and the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat, and will identify issues of importance to aboriginal women in New Brunswick in preparation for a National Policy Forum to be held in Ottawa, March 27-28, 2006. The forum is the result of a commitment made by federal, provincial and territorial ministers responsible for the Status of Women at their 2005 annual meeting.

"The dialogue session is a unique opportunity to hear directly from aboriginal women in New Brunswick," Rose-May Poirier, minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, said. "Their concerns and recommendations are important for possible future action on issues that affect their lives."

The session will conclude with the selection of three representatives who will attend the National Policy Forum in Ottawa, along with officials from the Women's Issues Branch and the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat.

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